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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 5
Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 9th meeting, on 8 June 2012, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 5)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. The view was expressed that the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 had not yet been reviewed by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its fifty-fifth session and that further steps to harmonize the reviews of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the Committee for Programme and Coordination should be explored.

4. The view was also expressed that the Secretariat should strive to quantify indicators of achievement, bearing in mind previous trends, in order to clearly show the impact of the programme to Member States.

5. It was noted that, except for indicator of achievement (d), no further reference was made to the sharing of technology among Member States. Bearing in mind that

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different countries had varying levels of technology, clarification was sought on the ways in which the programme shared information on technology.

6. Clarification was also sought as to the nature of the long-term fellowship programme initiated in the biennium 2010-2011 under the Basic Technology Initiative and where the fellowship would be reflected in the programme's proposal for the period 2014-2015.

7. It was noted that the priorities and focus of the programme had changed since the First United Nations Conference on the Peaceful Uses and Exploration of Outer Space in 1968, when an arms race in outer space had been an overriding concern. In that regard, queries were raised as to the current priority areas for international cooperation on the peaceful uses of outer space, in particular the extent of the programme's cooperation with the International Telecommunication Union.

8. Clarification was sought as to the ways in which the proposed document for the period 2014-2015 reflected the challenges and lessons learned by the programme, as noted in the programme performance report of the United Nations for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/67/77).

9. The view was expressed that the current proposal should make more substantial reference to new initiatives and the longer-term objectives of the programme.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015.**